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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6924

IFFO RUSBTA/AMCONSUL CALCUTTA 1314

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FOR KENNEDY SCHMERTZ, OIA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OSCI, IN, BT

SUBJ: BHUTANESE ARTIFACTS FOR SMITHSONIAN

REF: (A) STATE 185259 (B) CALCUTTA 1769, REPEATED TO DEPT

1. FOLLOWING MILLS' DISCUSSION IN BHUTAN AND CALCUTTA WITH BSTC AND CONSULAR OFFICERS, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT LATEST CALCUTTA

DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED REFTEL B, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND SMI TAKE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

2. SMI AUTHORIZE MILLS IMMEDIATELY TO PAY YABLONSKI CUSTOMS ARREARS RUPEE EQUIVALENT 3172.40 SWISS FRANCS CHARGING HIS SMI GRANT.

3. SMI AUTHORIZE CONGEN CALCUTTA AIR-FREIGHT 19 BOXES CHARGING INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENT COSTS TO MILLS' GRANT.

4. CABLE IMMEDIATELY DISBURSEMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR AMENDMENT 3 MILLS' GRANT WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY EMBASSY.

5. WHEN FINAL PACKAGES CONTAINING REMAINING ITEMS AS PER REFTEL A ARRIVE CALCUTTA AND ARE CLEARED, SMI SHOULD AUTHORIZE CONGEN AIR-FREIGHT, CHARGING MILLS' GRANT.

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6. WE PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION CONGEN CALCUTTA CARRYING OUT SMI

REQUESTS IN PARAGRAPH 4A AND 4B OF REFTEL A.

7. THIS SEEMS TO BE SIMPLEST ANSWER IF INDEED SMI WANTS ARTI-  
FACTS SOON, AND STILL LEAVES SMI LEVERAGE TO OBTAIN PAYMENT  
OF CUSTOMS ARREARS FROM YABLONSKI.

8. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THE TIME HAS COME TO CLEAN THIS MATTER  
UP IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SMITHSONIAN'S RELATIONSHIP  
WITH BHUTAN AND THE EFFICIENCY OF US GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HERE.  
WE ARE SPENDING MORE IN TIME ON GETTING THESE SHIPMENTS  
CLEARED THAN THE CUSTOMS ARREARS.  
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